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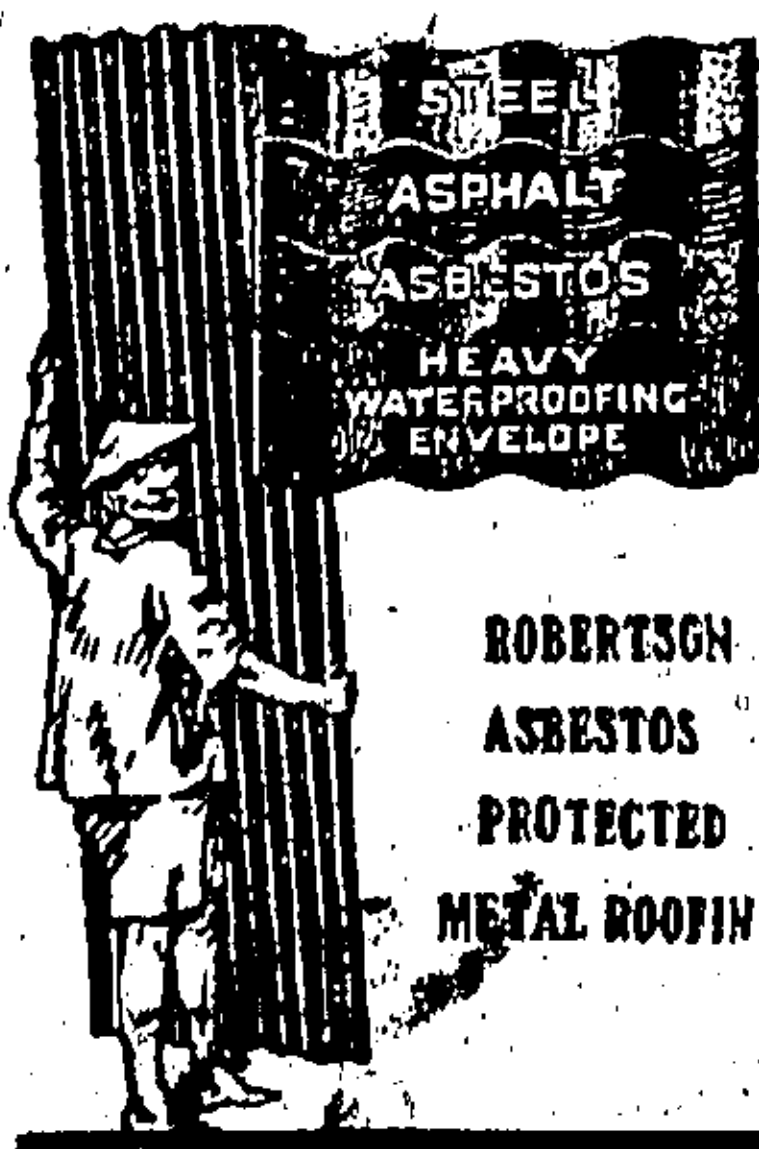
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CONGRATULATIONS.

HON. MR. FLETCHER'S
NEW POST.

TAIL-COAT REMINISCENCES.

The appointment of the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher as Colonial Secretary of Ceylon was referred to in the course of this morning's meeting of the Legislative Council.

His Excellency the Governor said that as this would be the last occasion on which Mr. Fletcher would be with them he would like to express what he felt was the unanimous desire of all the members, viz., their congratulations on his well-deserved promotion and wishes for God speed in his new sphere of activities.

The whole of Mr. Fletcher's public life had been spent in the service of the Colony. He had been Clerk of Councils since August, 1914, and had repeatedly acted as Colonial Secretary, the present being the seventh time, he believed.

"I had hoped that the Secretary of State would confirm Mr. Fletcher's appointment here as we can ill afford to lose him," continued His Excellency. "But Ceylon has difficulties as great, if at the moment not quite so pressing as Hongkong's and Sir Hugh Clifford with Mr. Fletcher as his right hand man should be in a position to surmount them. Resourcefulness and tact will be required and these the Colony of Hongkong knows by experience are possessed in marked degree by Mr. Fletcher who has devoted his time unparagonably to the promotion of the welfare of the Colony. A record will be entered in the minutes of the Council's high appreciation of Mr. Fletcher's services."

YEOMAN SERVICE.

Sir Henry Pollock, on behalf of the Unofficial members, associated himself with His Excellency's remarks and referred to several matters with which Mr. Fletcher had been connected, stressing particularly his yeoman service in the negotiations for transference of military lands. Although, for reasons known to all, no action was being taken on this matter for the time being, he (Sir Henry Pollock) was confident in the ultimate future of the Colony and that at no distant date the matter of transfer of military lands would be resumed when the benefit of Mr. Fletcher's untiring services would be felt.

Hard work had also been put in by Mr. Fletcher in connection with the Telephone Agreement in connection with which a much improved service might be expected. It would be undesirable to go into details with regard to Mr. Fletcher's strike services both in 1922 and in the present year. His good work in this connection was well known to them also the large part he played in the effective maintenance of essential services.

HIS ACCESSIBILITY.

Mr. Fletcher's extreme accessibility was also referred to by Sir Henry. Mr. Fletcher never allowed himself to be hampered by rules of "red tape" and if anyone required to interview him on points of importance he was always ready and willing to give an early hearing and with his unrivalled experience, gained in long Colonial service, he was able to assist very materially with his advice.

It was a matter of regret that the Home authorities had not seen fit to confirm Mr. Fletcher in his present acting capacity and when Mr. Fletcher left, Hongkong would experience a very considerable loss. What was our loss, would be Ceylon's gain. In conclusion, Sir Henry referred to the part that Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher had played in the social life of the Colony and in connection with which they would be much missed. He wished them all health and happiness in the place to which they were going.

The Hon. Chow Shou-son also briefly expressed pleasure at Mr. Fletcher's promotion and regret that the Colony should lose his services.

BUSINESS TRIBUTE.

As representing the Chamber of Commerce, the Hon. Mr. R. H. Holyoak spoke of Mr. Fletcher's services, his knowledge of them going as far back as 20 years when as Official Receiver, Mr. Fletcher had taken control of the Trade Marks Office, conditions

MAKING RAIN.

INTERESTING HONGKONG TESTS.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT.

It transpired from the comment of the Colonial Secretary, sitting as Chairman of the Finance Committee this morning, that the Government is helping a Hongkong University professor in interesting experiments.

Arising out of a Public Works grant of \$4,000, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher said that it was for instruments for experiments in producing rain at will from the fogs which were being conducted at the University by means of electric current.

Sir Henry Pollock: Have the experiments been a success since the arrival of the instruments?

The Chairman: I think they are waiting for the fog.

UNIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT?

The granting of land for future development of the Hongkong University was also referred to, this in course of Council proceedings. The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher said that two fort sites above Pokfulam Road known as Fly Point and Elliott Batteries had been granted to the Colony by the War Office to use in its discretion for purposes of developing Hongkong University.

When Sir John Oakley in the late summer of 1923 was asked to value these sites in connection with the possible transference of military lands, he valued them at \$75,580, the area being 191,450 sq. ft., valued at 40 cents a foot. The decision of the War Office followed representations made by Sir R. E. Stubbs as to the crying need of the University for rooms for future development.

A resolution of appreciation for the generous gift was passed, Sir Henry Pollock seconding.

From the sale agents in Hongkong, A. B. Moulder & Co., Ltd., the "China Mail" has received a very useful wall calendar for Boar Brand Swiss Milk.

Strong monsoon may be expected along the coast of China and over the China Sea, states to-day's weather report. Until noon, tomorrow the forecast is N. winds, strong; overcast at first, clearing later.

which at that time would almost beggar description. Mr. Fletcher's able management of this and the speedy transformation that took place attracted his attention at the time. Mr. Fletcher had continued to earn the confidence of those who knew the work he was doing.

In conclusion, Mr. Holyoak referred to the action of the Unofficials in petitioning the Secretary of State for the continuance of Mr. Fletcher's administration in the office in which he was temporary acting. As he had not seen fit to accede to their request they could only wish Mr. Fletcher happiness in his new career whilst parting from him with the keenest regret.

Mr. Fletcher, in reply, expressed warm appreciation of congratulations which he thought had been voiced in quite unmerited terms (No, no). It was in 1913 that he was confirmed as Clerk to the Councils but he could claim an even longer record. At the beginning of 1905 he took his seat once in a very dilapidated tail coat, inherited as a legacy from Sir Henry May—they were more ceremonious in regard to their dresses in those days. On seven or eight occasions since he had acted as Colonial Secretary and once as Colonial Treasurer.

He had changed with such frequency, in fact, added Mr. Fletcher, that "the late Mr. Stephen used when he met Mr. Fletcher to question as to whether it was his time to call Mr. Fletcher "Sir" or Mr. Fletcher's to address him by that term.

(Laughter)

Mr. Fletcher, in conclusion, expressed his indebtedness to friends both inside and outside the Council for their co-operation and help in the work of the Government. It was with great pleasure that he had been able to

STRIKE MEDIATION.

LOCAL DELEGATES TO LEAVE TO-MORROW.

STOCK MARKET INDICATIONS.

That the eight Chinese merchants elected last Saturday at the Chinese Merchants' Club would leave for Canton to-morrow was the gist of a cable sent yesterday, advising the four Chambers of Commerce and the Strike Executive.

It is coincidence that the Hongkong stock market showed a firmer tone, there being a rise in several quotations.

News in detail has come down speaking of the wonderful reception to Hongkong's "fraternity" party. Mr. Wong Ching-wai is quoted as having described the party as the joint owners of an enterprise, returning to inspect accounts.

FINANCE VOTES.

INTERESTING ITEMS FROM TO-DAY'S GRANTS.

A FLYING SURVEY.

Interesting items referred to by the Chairman in the course of discussion of finance minutes at to-day's meeting were as follows:

A Miscellaneous Public Works vote of \$15,000 referred to a flying survey of a possible tramway course from Murray Barracks to Wanchai Gap.

The Governor's Car.

To bring the practice in Hongkong in line with that obtaining in other Colonies, it had been decided to include the cost of upkeep for the Governor's motor car and the cost of upkeep of one chauffeur in public expenses.

MURDER TRIAL MURKY.

A vote of \$3,000 in aid of secret service was in connection with a murder case, said the Chairman.

POLICE MOTOR BIKES.

Increases in the strength of the Police force were referred to in connection with other grants. In regard to one for conveyance allowances, the Chairman said that more allowances were being given for motor cycles which were a useful means of getting about for the police officers who used their own cycles.

OTHER VOTES.

Whole houses were being pulled down and set back in order that improvements might be uniform, said the Chairman in connection with a grant for road improvements between Queen's Road and Praya East, this side of Morrison Hill.

A grant of \$11,600 for extension of lighting referred to a large scheme of extension of gas and electric lighting throughout the Colony which was before Council.

No date for the completion of the entire Shing Mun Valley scheme could be given, said the D.P.W. in reply to a question. Some of the contracts were not even let out. The one as to which there was a grant before the committee would not be finished before June. More rapid progress had been made than was anticipated.

The Port Health Officer was to leave the Colony for the purpose of taking a special course of study in diseases of the skin.

The Government paid for spectacles only when there was proof that students' parents were not in a position to do so, further stated the Chairman, with reference to a vote for medical fees for Education Department.

MR. HARRY TAYLER.

Great concern will be felt by his numerous friends at the news that Mr. Harry Tayler, of Messrs. Shaw, James & Co., is in hospital seriously ill, having had a severe heart attack on Christmas Day.

No cases of plague were notified in the Colony last year.

Berberi accounted for 1,502 deaths in the Colony last year, being a percentage of 9.65 of the total deaths. This shows an increase of 222 deaths over those in 1924. The lowest number of deaths recorded in any one year since 1920 was 1,321 in 1921, and a further decrease to 1,252 in 1922.

KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

THIS MORNING'S COUNCIL QUESTIONS.

NO RE-CONSIDERATION.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council this morning, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak asked:—

(a) What provision, if any, is the Government making for the treating of Maternity cases in the Kowloon Hospital?

(b) Will the Government revert to its original intention of allowing private Medical Practitioners to visit and treat their own patients in the Kowloon Hospital should they so desire?

The attitude of the Government was outlined by the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Acting Colonial Secretary who said:—

1. There is no accommodation for maternity cases at the Kowloon Hospital, though in urgent necessity, as for example in the event of a typhoon, an exception would be made to the rule.

The site has been so laid out that extensions can be added as required. The question of building a maternity wing will be considered later, if experience shows that there is a sufficient demand to justify the expenditure.

Requests Impracticable.

2. The Government is not prepared to reconsider this matter. There was originally a proposal that a part of the Kowloon Hospital should be set aside as a Nursing Home, to be run on the lines of the Peak Hospital, but it was decided that the difficulties of management and discipline rendered such an arrangement impracticable. A private practitioner can inform the Medical Officer in charge of any circumstances in connection with a case, and, if the Medical Officer or the patient so desires, he can be called in consultation.

Arising out of the reply, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak said that the question of whether or not cases would be taken which could not be transported across the harbour was really no answer. A distinct undertaking had been given Kowloon people at the beginning and they were feeling that they had been let down. When the matter had been discussed by the Government he did not think that it had been understood that maternity cases were not only not to be treated but entirely ignored. He did not think that the answer gave satisfaction with regard to treatment of urgent cases arising from sheer conditions of need.

H.E. the Governor remarked that he thought the instances given of typhoon conditions was only to indicate that under any exceptional circumstances admittance would be granted. If in the opinion of the medical officer it was so desired, treatment would be administered on the spot.

CHANGE FOR BETTER.

GOVERNOR AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

CHANGE OF PROCEDURE.

An important amendment of procedure was referred to at the Council meeting this morning.

Any proposals concerning additional expenditure not provided for in the annual estimates has hitherto been referred to the Finance Committee only by resolution of the whole of the Council.

From now onwards, the Governor will be able to refer such to the Finance Committee at any time.

Referring to the change, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher said that it would do away with what had hitherto been the unavoidable necessity of incurring liability for expenditure before it was possible for the Council to be guided through necessary before the Finance Committee could function. The Committee would meet in public when summoned by the Governor.

TODAY'S DOLES.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has announced that it has decided to pay a dividend of 10 per cent on its ordinary shares for the year ending 31st December 1925.

ICE COMPANY.

THIRD ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

HELP DURING THE STRIKE.

The third annual meeting of the Hongkong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., was held at noon to-day at the Company's town office, No. 2, Lower Albert Road, when thanks were expressed for the assistance rendered by the Naval Flotillas, the Shames Municipal Council and the Volunteers in the matter of distribution of supplies during the strike.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. T. G. Weall (Chairman), the Rev. Father Robert, Messrs. Lau Yick-cheuk, A. S. D. Couland, Leung Yan-po (Directors), Mr. J. D. Thomson (Acting Secretary), Messrs. H. W. Page, W. Macfarlane, Chan Nainpan, Chan Ju-nam, G. W. Sewell and A. Stevenson (Shareholders).

Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman spoke as follows:—

"Gentlemen,—The accounts and report for the year ending July 31 having been in your hands for the prescribed period, I will, with your permission, adopt the usual procedure and take them as read. The profit for the period, under review amounts as you will have seen, to \$5,695.22, roughly \$3,000.00 less than shown in the previous year's working. Your Directors recommend that the profit be dealt with in the following manner:—

"To write off on account of Depreciation and Bad and Doubtful Debts \$3,300.63, and to deduct the balance, viz., \$2,394.60 from the debit balance brought forward from last year, thus reducing the same to \$38,486.95.

"In his speech last year our Chairman associated the poor result of that year's working with the unsettled state of affairs in Canton and district and I cannot do otherwise than reiterate his remarks, for conditions there have certainly not improved since then. The political troubles which started in June last resulted, as you know, in the closing of all communications to the City, leaving us with only the requirements of the few remaining residents in Shames to cater for. You will be pleased to learn that although all our Chinese employees left at the commencement of the strike a continuous service has been maintained. Ice has been on sale throughout, and although heavier stocks of perishable produce than usual were being stored they were successfully cared for. Before going further I should like to take this opportunity of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the Commandants of the American, French and British Flotillas for their kind assistance, also to the Shames Municipal Council and Volunteers for assistance in the matter of distribution, etc.

"Delivery of the electric generating plant which was sold some considerable time ago has now been taken; the sum received in this respect appears in the balance sheet. Unfortunately no offers have yet been received for the 2 x 30 H.P. Bolinder engines for disposal.

"I might mention that the General Managers have again made no charge for their services; the same applies to the Directors and Secretary.

"The building and machinery are in excellent condition. Your Directors, however, recommend writing off the sum already mentioned rather than carry the whole of the profit to the credit of the Profit and Loss account and I trust this meets with your approval.

"With these few remarks I propose that the report and accounts as presented be adopted.

"When the proposal has been seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask."

The proposal was seconded by Mr. H. W. Page and carried.

Messrs. A. S. D. Couland and Leung Yan-po, retiring directors, were re-elected on a proposal made by Mr. G. W. Sewell, seconded by Mr. Chan Nainpan.

Messrs. Lau Yick-cheuk, A. S. D. Couland, Leung Yan-po, and Mr. J. D. Thomson were re-elected on a proposal made by Mr. G. W. Sewell, seconded by Mr. Chan Nainpan.

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LACK OF AIM.

It will be remembered that when Mr. Enery 'Awkins asked his "donah" to become Mrs. 'Enery 'Awkins she was coy. "First she said she wouldn't. And then she said she couldn't. And then she said she thought she'd see."

Ninety-nine hundredths of the human race pass from the cradle to the grave without ever knowing exactly what they want, nor how to get it. The few who do know become Napoleons, and Caesars, and captains of industry, and members of select clubs. But the plague which afflicts humanity, all but the great strong souls who succeed, is not lack of intelligence, but lack of aim. Corporate bodies are not exempt from the operation of this malady of the will. There was the army of the King of France which marched up the hill and marched down again, and was no doubt soundly trounced after its half-hearted exhibition. There is no corporate body in the Colony to be compared with a Municipal Council; and we should think twice before suggesting that in many things the Government has lacked aim. It is the individual who must face the charge. Not in lacking aim in the pursuit of his own idea, fancies and fame, but in the field of what has now come to be called "better understanding." There has been no lack of aim in the corporate sense. The Government is benevolent in its attitude and in its labours. There is no need to stoop to argument to defend or prove the statement. But it is very much open to question if in the daily contact of peoples there has been the desire to appraise rightly and appreciate fully. The statement cuts both ways. It would become us to apportion the blame to one side only. The position is difficult. There is the proverbial courtesy and kindness of the Chinese people. The more robust and vigorous hold on life of the foreigners. But it should not be impossible to find a way to bridge what after all is not an insuperable gulf. Opportunity, as the old Roman said, is "bald behind"—you cannot snatch it back once it has passed. But this "better understanding" opportunity has been slipping from the grasp.

quite lost all its hair. There remains some left to be grasped, and grasped it should be by those who recognise that just as Judy O'Grady and the Squire's lady are the same under the skin, so there is in Chinese and foreigners alike some ground of common contact which seen, understood, and cemented, will tend to make not merely for the glory of a place, but for the happiness and contentment of a diverse people with a diversity of gifts, but with the same spirit—the spirit of a desire to see and understand.

Propaganda.

When Sir R. E. Stubbs, at the luncheon in his honour at the Colonial Institute on December 16, reviewed the conflict between Hongkong and Canton, it was felt that real good would eventuate in the direction of enlightening the public at home. Most naturally Reuter contented itself with cabling a mere summary of his speech; and a summary is often a dangerous peg on which to hang criticism. This fact seems to have been forgotten by the "Japan Chronicle," which went out of its way to belittle the speech made by our late Governor. It refers to his remarks upon the troubles that commenced in June of this year, and seems incredible that Sir Reginald should have said that "the Russian influence began to work after Sun Yat-sen's death." A more careful perusal of the cabled summary should have shown our contemporary that Sir Reginald was much more concise than that. What he did say was, firstly, that "the troubles in Hongkong were started by Russian agitators from Canton, who made no secret of their intention to ruin Hongkong"; and, secondly, that "the result of the death of Sun Yat-sen was that power had passed into the hands of certain persons who had neither his interests nor those of his followers." Certainly the "Japan Chronicle" admits, rather grudgingly, that "Hongkong and the British generally are being made scapegoats at present in China"; but it is adamant in refusing to discredit Bolshevism as the primary cause. Which, again, serves to show the need for propaganda not only amongst the public at home, but amongst the newspapers much nearer Hongkong than London.

THEY SAY THAT—

As a rule the State spends a great deal of the taxpayers' money with the minimum result.—Sir A. Mond, M.P.

I give you my word that we shall defend the franc with the same constancy as we defended Verdun.—M. Painleve.

In a hundred years' time a standard dialect will be spoken all over the British Isles.—Professor Daniel Jones.

Truthfulness is part of the ideal of English gentlemen, and it is the week-day religion of the English people.—Dean Inge.

It is only by bringing home to such succeeding generations how vastly more catastrophic and disastrous modern war is to the whole population than was ever before that we can form a public opinion which will help to secure future peace.—Lord Grey of Ralston.

A Chinese boatman was sentenced to six months' hard labour at the Central Magistracy yesterday for attempted robbery of a safe from the Kwok Li shipyard. A Chinese crew who caught the boatman while he was running away was commended by the Magistrate.

"PO-ON" PIRACY.

ARRESTED MAN IN COURT.

A VICTIM'S ACCOUNT.

The story of the piracy of the steam launch "Po On" in British waters near Nam Tau in the early part of July was related at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when one of the alleged gang was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton. Accused was charged on three counts of armed robbery, holding a number of passengers for ransom, and unlawful possession of arms.

A greaser on the s.s. "Sai On" which arrived from Macao recognised the accused as one of the pirates. The man was promptly arrested by the Police. He had since been identified by four of the kidnapped passengers.

It was stated in evidence by the greaser that he was one of those kidnapped by the pirates. The launch stopped at Wan Ha (on the north side of Deep Bay) where two women came aboard. At Lik Shu eight men approached the launch by sampans and on gaining the deck produced arms. The passengers were ordered into the hold, and the launch was taken to Wan Ha, where another six pirates joined the gang. The launch was then taken to Sha Cheng, where the passengers were robbed of their valuables and 28 of them were taken ashore and into the interior. Witness was ten days in the hands of the pirates before he escaped during an attack by the village volunteers on the pirates' den.

After further evidence the case was adjourned.

AMBULANCE DRILL.

LOCAL INTER-COMPANY TESTS.

The annual competition in general Ambulance work of the St. John Ambulance Brigade took place on Sunday, fourteen "Sections" from the Saiyungpun, Chinese Y.M.C.A., Kowloon-Canton Railway, and Indian Divisions, competing. The Judges were Dr. W. V. M. Koch (District Surgeon of the Brigade), Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, and Major Stevenson, R.A.M.C. The men were given a strenuous test, and in making their award the Judges took into consideration:

1. Dress and equipment of men.
2. Stretcher drill.
3. Neatness, accuracy and finish of work.
4. Time taken in completing a case.
5. Improvisation (where possible).

Marks were allotted as below:

Y.M.C.A. Division	325
Indian Division	314
Railway Division	310
Saiyungpun Division	305

The Shield is awarded, accordingly, to the Y.M.C.A. Division. Mention should be made of the work of the Railway Division which, while not adopting the ordinary routine drill, has developed a scheme specially adapted to the work the men are often called on to perform in connection with the Railway.

POLICE RAID.

GAMBLERS CAUGHT AT WEST POINT.

Armed with a warrant, a party of Chinese detectives raided a gambling den at No. 246, Des Vaux Road West, first floor, at 8 p.m. last night. One of the detectives watched the progress of the gambling for a few minutes before the signal was given to the others to enter the floor. Altogether 17 persons were caught.

Evidence was given by one of the raiding party when the men were charged at the Central Magistracy this morning and fined of \$3 each were imposed on 13 of them who were present. The others had their \$5 bail money estranged. An additional charge of keeping a common gaming house against the first defendant was not proved, and he was acquitted on this count.

THE NEW YEAR.

A time signal according to the Manila code, will be flashed by lamps on the wireless mast of the Observatory from 11:35 p.m. till midnight on December 31. The last flash will indicate the end of the year 1925 and the beginning of the year 1926.

HELPS THOSE HARD COUGHS.

The danger of pneumonia is always to be feared, and it is a good idea to have a supply of the "Cough Cure" on hand. It is a simple, effective remedy for all kinds of coughs, and it is especially useful for those who are suffering from hard coughs.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

Dec. 1925—Jan. 1926.
A CALENDAR. 1926.
28, Mon., Lord Macaulay died, 1859.

29, Tues., W. E. Gladstone born, 1809.

30, Wed., Rudyard Kipling born, 1865.

31, Thurs., Leon Gambetta died, 1882.

1, Fri., Old Age Pensions started, 1909.

2, Sat., Sir George Airey died, 1892.

3, Sun., Douglas Jerrold born, 1803.

The present generation has no old man.

THE GRAND. statesman raised on the pedestal which the working people erected for a score of years to William Ewart Gladstone. Mr. Lloyd George was a national hero even bigger, but that was during the war.

Mr. Gladstone was one of those rare men who do not narrow with age. Nobody could ever say of him: "Ah! he was a fine Radical once, but now—" Right to the end he was a fighter, and he fought for causes in which the masses believed.

Most of the things for which he fought are won. The causes with which the Liberalism of the eighties was associated are for the most part buried in Acts of Parliament, though the need for the Liberal spirit can never die. One wonders sometimes what the Grand Old Man would think of the Liberal benches to-day.

Those who have only a nodding acquaintance with missionaries and their work in China, would hesitate to suggest that some of them interfere in the politics of the country. Very often they are indirectly, if not directly, responsible for the suggestion as the following may prove.

A Chinese Christian pastor is placed in charge of a district. A village in that district may suffer unjustly at the hands of bandits. Members of the pastor's flock make representations to him. He takes the matter up with the District Magistrate, and getting no satisfaction it goes to the Yamen. Both the Yamen and the Magistrate do not wish to be bothered. The Oversea missionary is dragged into the matter and probably a consul is also compelled to interfere.

These dashed missionaries are probably cursed right and left as people who come and upset the established custom of things which has existed for centuries. This may not be called politics, but anyone desiring to deny missionaries will soon put any desired misconstruction upon the matter.

Another thing—the work of missionaries is often applauded by Magistrates and Governors who perhaps make concessions, gifts, etc., to show their appreciation. The enemies of these officials, do not forget these actions, and when

the time comes to advance their own ends, and cause, twist the actions to suit themselves. Missionaries suffer again.

Some missionaries are accused of TRADING. trading. It is a fact that there are industrial missions as well as educational and medical, where the work of natives is sold. There may be missionaries who sell things and thus support themselves or their work. Very often, in the inland stations, when it is known a foreign missionary is to pay a visit to a big town, he receives requests from villagers to visit the big stores or offices to buy bits of merchandise. In these cases it is possible for the action of missionaries to be misconstrued, and for the term "trading missionaries" to be used.

How many the Shreds A BOOK. man wonders, sighed for a book as a gift this Christmas. How many, he wonders, got a book, and how many got the book that satisfied—the sort of book that Dorothy Wordsworth in a letter to Coleridge sighed for—

Yes, do send me a book for my birthday. Not a bargain book, bought from a haberdasher, but a beautiful book, a book to treasure—peculiar, distinctive, individual; a book that hath first caught your eye and then pleased your fancy, written by an author with a tender whim, all right out of his heart. We will read it together in the gloaming, and when the gathering dusk doth blur the page, we'll sit with our hearts too full for speech and think it over.

There is some hope if a Scotch understanding of Mrs. Diana Wraith's recent lecture is correct. There is no need for a slavish performance of exercises and indulgence in games to attain firm and balanced and loose flesh. The cult of games can be overdone. There is a story which may illustrate the point.

One Sunday afternoon Oscar Wilde, staying at a country house for the week-end, found himself deserted by his other guests, who had adjourned to the town for games.

"Do you never take an interest in any outdoor sports?" asked his hostess curiously.

"Never," he said, "never. Forgive me, I'm not telling the truth. I do remember, on one occasion, playing a game of dominoes on a café in Paris!"

Nowadays the clergy are in no way so touchy as of yore. What would have been said, for instance, a few years ago of an incumbent who admitted into his parish magazine an advertisement from a tobacconist to the following effect:—

"A dry sermon induces sleep; a dry smoke induces restfulness." An advertisement to this effect appears in the current number of the parish magazine of the Church of St. Andrew by the Wardrobe.

THE YALU.

The train came to a pause—as if taking a breath for a fresh start. The Hakuba Tunnel was behind us; so also the grey memory of the old Torin Castle. We had been, for hours on hours, threading the southwestern skirts of the massed heights of Heian Hokudo in North Chosen—as Korea should always be called. The huge engine at the head of the "Soul-Mukden Through Express" bore the crest of a great American locomotive works. Small Chosen children stood hard by and watched it gravely; the steel dragon literally breathing fire and smoke was no longer a fancy of the old legend.

It heaved a sigh and took a gentle grade ahead. Then suddenly, with the dramatic suddenness of a Japanese lifting, we were up on the full sweep of the majestic Yalu. The river is quite as lordly as the Hudson at the northern tip of Manhattan Island and much more historic. The tall smokestacks of the Chosen Paper Mill Company (a five-million-yen concern) on the right of the track and those of the First and Second Iron Works and the lumber mills further down the stream, and the industrial town of Anking rising over on the Manchurian side, all the buildings of the Yalu valley impressively recall the Yalu valley impressively.

Up and down the river, the small, dark, and somewhat shabby-looking Chinese junk boats, and the white square sails of Japanese boats catching the early light of a May morning, and, more than all else, an endless procession of lumber rafts, place the picture definitely out of America and out of Europe. These strikingly fashioned lumber rafts of the Yalu are famous throughout the Orient. Every year the woodmen go into the forest on either side of the river and fell the trees. In March when the thaw comes they cut the timber into logs eight feet long. These they tie together in eight to form the units of which the rafts are made. From thirty to a hundred such units make one raft. It is usually one hundred feet long and about twenty wide. It comes three hundred or four hundred miles down the stream before it reaches Anking or Shingien, and usually it takes two months on the way, which explains the but one seen built upon it and the small truck-garden that is sometimes discovered.

The Yalu rises in the town of the Changpu range—the highest Mountains of Hsienan Whence, for hundreds of miles inland, it marks the boundary between Chosen and Manchuria. Some natives call it "Aikang" and some "Lichang." The Yalu widens as it makes its way to meet the Yellow Sea. At the mouth it is something like thirty miles wide, and it is difficult to say where the river ends and the sea begins. About Kiamchen, where the river meets the sea, the Chinese junk boats are common.

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INDIAN CONGRESS.

SERIOUS SPLIT AMONG
SWARAJISTS.

SIGNIFICANT RESIGNATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Cawnpore, Dec. 28.
The concluding day of the Indian Congress was marked by a long and heated debate, in which, although the Swarajist political programme was adopted, a serious split in the Swarajist ranks was revealed.

This culminated in the resignation of the ex-members of the Legislature, Jayakar (Bombay), Montee (Central Provinces), and Kelkar (Deputy Leader of the Swarajists in the Assembly) on the plea that they would thereby liberate themselves from the Swarajist obligation and be free to propagate views for responsible co-operation and acceptance of office.

The Congress adopted Pandit Motilal Nehru's resolution in favour of non-co-operation in the Legislature.

Pandit Malaviya feared that the Congress was being handed over to a handful of Swarajists who had not kept their word in the past and could not keep it in the future.

Lalalai Patra regarded the outlook as very pessimistic. In spite of a contrary desire they were being driven unconsciously towards co-operation.

RUSSIAN OUTRAGE.

ATTRIBUTED TO ROVING
BANDS.

NOTHING SERIOUS.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 28.
Diplomatic circles in London do not regard the report of the Russian attack north-east of Afghanistan very seriously. They attribute it to roving bands not controlled by Moscow or any Central Government. It is pointed out that the region of the river Oxus has been the scene of raids for many months.

[An Almaty message published yesterday stated:—Newspapers at Kabul report that Russian troops suddenly and unprovokedly attacked and captured the Afghan post of Dardak and Badakshan and occupied the surrounding territory.]

FRENCH POLITICS.

EVIDENCE OF RIFT IN
THE LUTE.

OFFICIAL DEMOCRAT DEPART.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, December 28.
The instability of the political situation is further reflected in the election of a member of the Democratic Left Party as President of the Senate Finance Commission, defeating M. Clemenceau, the Democrats' official nominee. The group called upon M. Lacroix to resign, but he refused.

"WILSON DAY."

BIG CELEBRATIONS IN
AMERICA.

NEW STAMP ON SALE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, December 28.
Ex-President Wilson's birthday was celebrated in the cities and towns from coast to coast.

The Post Office commemorated the occasion by placing on sale a seventeen-cent Wilson Memorial stamp.

OIL CONTROL.

NEW MEXICAN ACT IN
OPERATION.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, December 28.
A Presidential decree has put the Petroleum Act into operation. [A cablegram of December 21 stated:—Parliament has passed the Petroleum Bill, which gives Government inalienable dominion over all gas, oil, and mineral deposits but the Bill is not retrospective.]

The estimated civil population of the Colony at the middle of 1924 was 799,550 (16,000 non-Chinese and 783,550 Chinese). The total shows an increase of 378,784 over that of the census of 1921.

KUO'S FATE.

HEAD EXHIBITED IN
PUBLIC.

BARBARITY CONDEMNED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, December 28.
A Foreign Office message from Mukden states that Marshal Chang's son has demanded that the Japanese Consul-General should order the Consul at Hainanfu to give up eight of General Kuo's civil officials who are taking refuge in the Consulate there, but this request was refused as it is understood that Marshal Chang intends executing them.

The Consul-General is arranging a Japanese police escort to bring them safely to Mukden.

Though it is not confirmed officially, the Government spokesman believes the reports that the heads of Kuo and his wife were exhibited publicly in Mukden, and he expressed disgust that such barbarities had been practised.

The vernacular papers also consider the incident to be most regrettable, though they say that Kuo deserved death as a traitor.

NEW GOVERNOR.

Peking, December 27.
A mandate has been issued appointing Marshal Feng Yu Hsiang's supporter, General Sun Yueh, as Military and Civil Governor of Chihli Province, in place of the defeated General Yu Ching-lin, whose whereabouts are unknown.

Railway and telegraphic communication has been restored between Tientsin and Peking.

CABINET RESPONSIBILITY.

Peking, December 28.
Mandates have been issued appointing Han Shih-ying Premier and revising the regulations governing the functions of the Provisional Government, providing henceforth that the Cabinet shall be "responsible," and devise and carry out reforms in accordance with the people's wishes.

Than Chi-jui remains Chief Executive.

PRESS COMMENT.

London, December 28.
The "Times," in a leading article, says that "if such little satisfactions in the most recent developments of the Chinese war, such as the fact that the success of Chang Tiao-lin means that one of the Soviet intrigues in China has miscarried. Trade continues to suffer, and industry to decay whilst China's alleged friends at Moscow continue to manipulate Chinese dissensions for their own political ends, believing that they can inflict enduring injury on the commercial interests of all capitalistic States, especially Great Britain in China."

The article refers to the obstacles to granting foreign aid in restoring order and observes that in any case no Chinese individual leader is worth British support if only because none can absolutely rely on his own soldiers and colleagues.

The "Times" adds that there is nothing in Chinese history to forbid hope in China's eventual recovery, and concludes by applauding Japanese action on the lines of the article in the "Daily Telegraph" published yesterday.

MOSCOW PRESS.

Paris, December 28.
Commenting on events in China the "Gaulois," after referring to endeavours on the part of the Moscow Government to supplant the Western Powers in the prestige they have acquired in Asia, concludes:—

"It is precisely this which aggravates the problem imposed by Europe's attitude of abstention in the effervescence in China. Logically, an agreement ought to be reached between the Western States to avert this peril."

MISSIONARY WORK.

London, December 28.
The standing committee of the conference of Missionary Societies of Great Britain and Ireland has issued a statement to the effect that the Protestant Missionary Societies have reached an agreement in regard to the principles which should govern their work in China in the future. They desire to rest not upon Treaties reluctantly accepted, but upon such provisions as may be freely accorded by China as the Sovereign Power, and agreed upon in equal conference between China and Great Britain.

Willingness is expressed to accept such rights in place of extraterritoriality as shall be accorded in a similar manner.

The Societies have expressed to the Chinese Ministry in London their appreciation of the friendship and goodwill shown to them by the officials and people of China, and their desire to work harmoniously with them for the benefit of the Chinese people.

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MURDER TRIAL.

DEFENCE OPENED THIS
MORNING.

COUNSEL HINTS SURPRISE.

After the evidence in chief and cross-examination of Detective Inspector T. Murphy, Mr. L. H. V. Booth (A.S.P.) and Interpreter Ng Ping-u in the murder trial at the Sessions, Mr. Easley Zeitlyn (instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton) opened the defence. Mr. Zeitlyn hinted that he would call evidence the nature of which would come as a surprise. He maintained that the Crown case was one of suspicion based on three circumstances, viz., absence of prisoner from his home, the story detailed by the woman who enticed him across the border, and the strong circumstances of the incriminating statement by prisoner made after arrest. The case is proceeding.

INFLUENZA.

LOWEST RECORD FOR
SEVEN YEARS.

In his annual report the Medical Officer of Health states that the total number of deaths from influenza during 1924 was 52, this being the smallest figure for the last seven years.

In 1918 the total number of deaths was 405, the figure for each of the next succeeding six years being 149, 542, 303, 422, 83, and 52.

RIFF WAR.

NEW OPERATIONS BY THE
FRENCH.

BENNOUR THE OBJECTIVE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Rabat, December 28.
French regulars, supported by artillery and aeroplanes, have started fresh operations in the Taza sector, having as their objective the city of Bennour. The action is developing favourably.

"MR. LI."

LI CHING-LIN BOUND FOR
SHANGHAI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Chefoo, December 29.
General Li Ching-lin has gone to Shanghai, travelling incognito as Mr. Li.

RUBBER CONTROL.

AMERICANS' LANGUAGE
UNRESTRAINED.

BRITAIN'S "WICKEDNESS."

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 27.
The Press and public men are growing daily more indignant and more unrestrained in their expressions in discussing Britain's "wickedness" in advancing the price of rubber. Mr. Nicholas Longworth, Speaker of the House of Representatives, speaking at Akron, Ohio, said that there seemed to be a conspiracy among the nations producing rubber to restrict the output and increase the price. He described the restrictions as an "international swindle," and declared that Congress was seeking every means to help the American manufacturers to meet the British restrictions and competition.

LIGHTNING HAVOC.

BIG FIRE IN PETROLEUM
DEPOT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Buenos Aires, December 28.
Damage to the extent of five million pesos was done by fire at a petroleum depot belonging to an Italian Argentine firm. The fire is believed to have been caused by lightning, which accompanied a severe storm yesterday afternoon. Several tanks were completely destroyed. The Government rushed fire assistance to prevent the spread of the conflagration endangering shipping.

PARIS OF TO-DAY.

THE QUARTIER LATIN
DISAPPEARING.

There are two parts of Paris that all Britons and Americans have heard of—the Latin Quarter and Montmartre.

Ever since Henri Murger wrote his "Scenes de la Vie de Bohème," 70 years ago, Bohemia has been associated with the Quartier Latin, and the book must have drawn hundreds of thousands who had but little interest in its scholarly traditions and the Sorbonne but believed that here was to be found the picturesque life of the vagabond artist.

But nowadays visitors come, see, and go away disappointed. They say that the Quartier Latin is no more Bohemian than Passy, or Fulham for that matter; and old inhabitants, returning to scenes of former gaiety, sigh for the good old days.

The old Bohemian Latin Quarter, it is true, has gone for ever. People are cleaner, for one thing. It has been a long time dying, but the last few years heard the death rattle.

It now has "dancings" that vie with those of Montmartre, with jazz-bands and champagne. Cafés that were the haunts of Murger's and du Maurier's heroes, where Stevenson lounged, where the grisette laughed and long-haired students and immature artists made merry and barked their bills—here the stolid tradesman takes his coffee with his family and listens to classical music.

One of the last in the old tradition recently disappeared. Once you saw there politicians, famous artists and writers, poets and journalists from all countries, and of course some ordinary drunkards and night birds. Occasionally a dethroned monarch or princeling would hold his Court there. In the small, ill-lit room, where dimly through the smoke one glimpsed couples dancing to the measure of a mandolin, the fate of Ministries was solved and literary reputations made or damned. A mixed company it was that emerged into the dawn, but now the friendly gendarme at the street corner sees them no more.

The last of the Bohemians have gone under—gone underground. In an old, narrow street, where Murger himself abode, is a small café. We descend the stone stairs, bumping our heads, and we enter a cellar; the wall hung with picture of a decidedly modern school.

There is a roar as we enter; a chorus of uncomplimentary welcome. We sit on hard wooden stools or boxes at one wine-stained table. A poet, with long hair and flowing black tie, is reciting his own verses. A well-known chessman signs a song full of political allusions.

Old Pascal himself goes to the piano, Pascal with his spectacles on his nose, who has sung for generations of students. He sings the old songs of the Quartier, and while we sip a white wine that

MALES PREFERRED.

For the non-Chinese community the ratio of male to female children born in the Colony last year was 112 to 100.

For the Chinese community the ratio was 198 males to 100 females.

In his annual report the Medical Officer of Health says: "The Chinese are careless of the registration of births, and the great disproportion between male and female births registered indicates that there is less care for the registration of females than for male births."

Last year 123 British children were born, 88 Portuguese, 51 Indian, and 4 American.

Normal telegraphic communication with Peking and Tientsin has been re-established.

The mean maximum temperature in Hongkong last year was 78.8 and the mean minimum 68.8. A total rainfall of 98.57 inches was registered.

Of the 90 cases of diphtheria notified last year, 63 were Chinese. The deaths totalled 40, of which only one was non-Chinese.

The incidence of cerebro-spinal fever in the Colony last year was slight, there being 31 cases, as against 107 cases in 1923 and 53 in 1922—the latter figure being the lowest since the disease made its first appearance here in 1913, when there were 1,232 cases.

No case of cholera was notified last year. Cases of this disease are liable to be imported from time to time, but except under special conditions—as, for example, when an extreme shortage of water coincides with the prevalence of cholera in the neighbouring districts of China—it is not usual for cholera to assume epidemic proportion here.

Tetanus and convulsions accounted for 169 deaths of children under five years of age last year. Thus out of 101 deaths ascribed to tetanus 38 were of children under one month and five of children over one month and under one year. Convulsions accounted for 79 deaths of children under five years of age. Of these three were under one month and 40 over one month but under one year of age.

costs us the equivalent of 3d. a glass, we listen to rollicking choruses, mostly about gentlemen who are deceived by their wives. A collarless figure in corduroys, a wood-carver whose name is known in art circles throughout Europe recites a poem in argot.

The atmosphere becomes thicker and thicker, until we can hardly see the wall in front for smoke. "Let us go; I am choking," exclaimed my friend, who had asked me to show him the Latin Quarter. "And if that's Bohemia," he said, as he filled his lungs with the chill night air in the dark street, "let's go to Montmartre."

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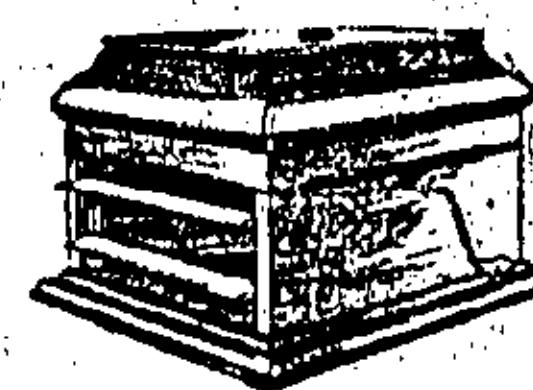
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- 2 Qts. St. Julien Claret
- 1 Qt. D.G.L. Old Tom or Dry Gin
- 1 Vint de Paste Sherry
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- 1 Pt. D.O.M.
- 1 Qt. Martell's XXX Brandy
- 2 Qts. King George IV. or Perfection Whisky
- 1 Qt. Tawny Port
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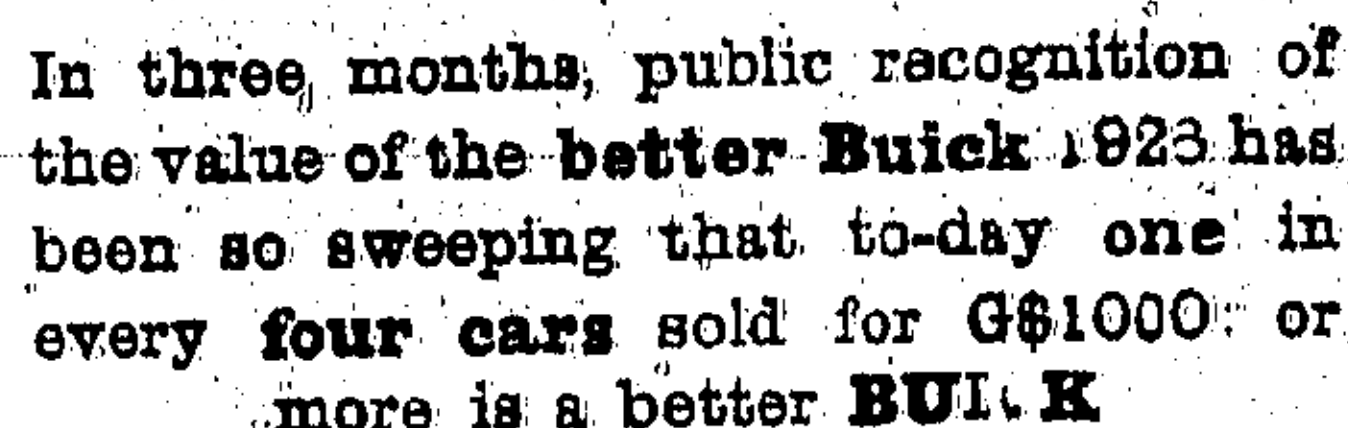
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BOXING.

CARLIDGE-EWIN FIGHT SUGGESTED.

A SPECTATOR'S VIEWS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

Sir—Seeing that we have been disappointed in a Morris-Carlidge fight or, worse, may I suggest that the H.K.B.A. oblige the public by staging a fight at the next tournament between Carlidge and Ewin? The latter has shown himself to be a clean, upright boxer; and Carlidge has shown that he can fight, box or wrestle as occasion demands. Ewin is, I believe, shortly going home. This fight would give the boxing public a chance of seeing him against a worthy opponent.

It would also be enlightening to the majority of Carlidge's supporters and backers and many of the spectators present to know how the verdict in the fight with Morris was reached—this in spite of the report that it was the most popular decision given and received with vociferous cheers!

Can not spectators be a little more sportsmanlike and leave the decision to the judges? It is a well-known psychological fact that in an adverse atmosphere a man cannot give his best. Although Carlidge "is undeterred by fear, favour or ill-will of the crowd," yet consciously or unconsciously "yet consciously" affects everyone.

Carlidge has already expressed his willingness to meet Ewin, and Morris again if the H.K.B.A. will stage the fight. I maintain that Carlidge won the last fight. I am not entering into further argument or correspondence for having made up my mind on the verdict. All talk will not alter it.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor,

Yours, etc.,

BEWILDERED SPECTATOR.

Hongkong, Dec. 23.

[Note:—Certain passages in the above letter have been excised as, they were too personal for publication.]

FANLING GOLF.

HOLIDAY COMPETITION RESULTS.

Golf competitions at Fanling during the Christmas holidays resulted:—

Special Medal round, December 27:—

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax 89—13=71 wins
Other scores:
E. J. R. Mitchell 80—6=74
A. D. Humphreys 87—12=75
N. J. Austin 94—17=77
13 cards taken out.

Mixed Medal round, December 28:—

Mr. & Mrs. Roffey 93—17=78 wins
Other scores:
Mr. & Mrs. J. Hooper 98—18=80
Mr. & Mrs. Lewis 101—17=84
Mr. & Mrs. Stark 98—18=85
13 pairs entered.

Bogey Pool, December 25-27:—

Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax 3 up, first.
E. J. R. Mitchell and S. Hewkin all square—the for second.
Other scores:
A. W. Shovelton 1 down.
W. Douglas 1 down.
E. D. Humphreys 1 down.
E. D. Potter 2 down.
T. Whyte-Smith 3 down.
60 cards were taken out.

Tomstone competition was cancelled as only two entries were received.

SQUASH RACQUETS.

PRINCE WINS IN 2ND ROUND.

LOSERS IN THE THIRD.

(Via Colombo.)

London, Dec. 7.
At Queen's Club, Army squash racquets championship opened with nine first round matches, of which the most interesting was that in which J. Cheney beat Major Rawson, 4-15; 15-10; 15-9. The Prince of Wales received a bye into the second round, where he beat F. Deguingand, 15-8; 13-15; 15-11.

London, Dec. 10.
In the third round the Army squash racquets championship, Lieut. G. N. Scott-Chad beat the Prince of Wales, 15-9; 15-11.

The fourth round winners who enter the semi-finals are as follows:—
Capt. Sampson beat Capt. Christie, 17-14; 5-15; 15-9.
Capt. McCormick beat Capt. Shafro, 11-15; 15-10; 15-7.
Major Marriott beat Major Pease Watkin, 16-13; 15-9.
Lieut. G. N. Scott-Chad had a walk-over.

London, Dec. 11.
In the Army squash racquets semi-finals, Capt. McCormick beat Capt. Shafro, 11-15; 15-10; 15-7.

Major Marriott beat Major Pease Watkin, 16-13; 15-9.
Lieut. G. N. Scott-Chad had a walk-over.

London, Dec. 12.
In the Army squash racquets final, Capt. McCormick beat Capt. Shafro, 11-15; 15-10; 15-7.

Major Marriott beat Major Pease Watkin, 16-13; 15-9.
Lieut. G. N. Scott-Chad had a walk-over.

TENNIS "TEST."

DRAWN GAME IN SOUTH AFRICA.

THE BRITISH MIXED TEAM.

(Reuter's Service.)

Johannesburg, Dec. 28.
The second lawn tennis Test Match between South Africa and the British mixed team were drawn, each side winning five matches.

HONOURS EVEN.

TRIANGULAR CRICKET SERIES.

ARMY PLAY THE NAVY.

Honours were even yesterday in the first day's play in the second match of the holiday triangular cricket, the Army meeting the Navy.

At the close the soldiers are 127 runs on with 5 wickets to go. Play continued to-day. Should a decision be reached before the "China Mail" goes to press, the result will be given on page 1. Details will be added to-morrow.

Colonel Cantrell was the chief Naval agent of destruction yesterday. In the first Army innings Captain Armstrong retired with a twisted knee but re-continued at the end.

Missed at 26, Pay Lt. Hussey knocked up 87 for the senior service by playing bright cricket. He hit 17 fours and a six which went to the Supreme Court. Neat leg shots and late cuts were his forte but a short pitched ball proved his doom.

Captain Bridgeland and Major Hattersley Smith were the chief contributors in the Army's second venture.

Stripp left at 28 but Blondin and Bridgeland had wiped off the arrears before they were parted—2 for 64 (Blondin). Bridgeland and Hattersley Smith had a partnership of 70: when the former was out the score had reached 3 for 134. Morris saw the total 141 for 4. Then the Major was dismissed at 171 for 5, leaving Warters and Lt. Smith to carry on to-day.

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Capt. Armstrong, not out 28
C.Q.M.S. Stripp, c & b Woodward 14
Sgt. Blondin, b Beatty 10
Capt. Bridgeland, l.b.w. b Cantrell 28
Major Hattersley Smith, c Cantrell, b Beatty 9
Capt. Morris, b Cantrell 6
Capt. Warters, c Halsey, b Cantrell 7
Lt. Smith, c Lake, b Cantrell 5
Lt. Col. Edmeades, b Cantrell 0
Spr. Goodyear, b Cantrell 8
Gnr. Clayton, b Beatty 0
Extras 7

Total 115

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Cantrell 12 4 35 6
Woodward 12 2 35 1
Beatty 10 3 23 8
Sillitoe 4 0 14 0

NAVY—1ST INNINGS.

Lt.-Com. Armitage, b Goodyear 1
Pay Lt. Hussey, b Morris 87
Lt. Nicholson, run out 1
Mid. Stephenson, b Smith 6
Lt. Halsey, c Clayton, b Morris 28
Lt. Sillitoe, not out 27
Pay Com. Woodward, b Clayton 1
Lt. Col. Cantrell, c Blondin, b Morris 0
Capt. Lake, run out 0
Lt. Wauchope, b Clayton 0
Lt. Beatty, b Morris 8
Extras 11

Total 170

Bowling Analysis.

O. M. R. W.
Goodyear 7 0 58 1
Smith 6 2 27 1
Morris 9 3 47 4
Clayton 9 0 32 2

ARMY—2ND INNINGS.

C.Q.M.S. Stripp, b Cantrell 8
Sgt. Blondin, c & b Cantrell 26
Capt. Bridgeland, c Armitage, b Stephenson 56
Major Hattersley Smith, b Beatty 60
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LEAGUE RESULTS & TABLES.

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English league football matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

Division I.
Huddersfield 4, Birmingham 1.
Leicester 1, Manchester United 3.

Division II.
Derby 4, Chelsea 2.
Wednesday 5, Oldham 1.
Barnsley 4, North Forest 1.

Div. III (South).
Bristol Rovers 1, Swindon 2.
Luton 1, Plymouth 1.
Newport 1, Bristol City 0.

Northampton 1, Gillingham 2.
Queen's Park Rangers 3, Millwall 0.
Reading 2, Crystal Palace 1.
Exeter 3, Brentford 1.

League tables to date follow:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	23	13	4	6	49	36	30
Sunderland	21	12	5	4	54	40	28
Huddersfield	21	10	8	3	43	33	28
Manch. Utd.	22	11	4	7	30	31	26
Tottenham	23	11	4	8	45	47	26
W. Bromwich	22	10	5	7	50	37	25
Avon Villa	22	9	7	6	51	40	25
Sheffield Utd.	23	10	4	9	56	49	24
Bury	22	11	2	9	51	49	24
Birmingham	24	10	4	10	39	44	24
Newcastle Utd.	22	8	7	7	44	43	23
Swinton	23	7	9	7	48	43	23
Bolton	22	9	4	9	43	37	22
Liverpool	21	7	6	8	33	30	20
Nottingham	23	8	10	5	35	39	20
Cardiff City	23	9	12	3	42	20	20
West Ham	23	9	12	3	49	20	20
Blackburn	23	6	10	16	46	10	18
Leicester	23	6	11	12	42	18	18
Burnley	23	6	11	14	68	18	18
Sheff. Wed.	23	5	6	12	54	67	16
Leeds Utd.	22	6	4	12	35	45	16

Division II.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Derby C.	27	14	5	3	47	20	33
Wednesday	21	13	5	3	59	28	33
Chelsea	22	10	8	4	45	24	28
Middlesbrough	23	10	10	4	46	40	26
Portsmouth	23	10	6	7	48	50	26
Oldham	21	10	5	6	38	30	25
South Shields	22	11	3	8	41	34	25
Blackpool	23	10	4	9	41	34	24
Port Vale	22	11	2	9	42	35	24
Hull City	22	10	3	9	31	29	23
Wolves	21	9	8	4	33	32	22
Swansea	20	8	4	7	36	30	20
Bradford C.	21	7	6	8	26	27	20
Barnsley	21	7	6	8	30	38	20
Stoke	22	7	6	9	30	39	20
Preston N.E.	23	9	12	10	55	20	20
Durham	22	6	7	9	36	41	19
Notts Forest	22	6	10	17	30	18	18
Sheff. Utd.	23	6	12	12	32	37	17
Clapton	21	6	2	13	22	34	14
Rusham	22	4	5	13	22	48	13
Stockport	22	4	4	14	27	52	12

Division III.

Southern Section.							Goals
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Plymouth	21	13	6	2	52	31	32
Reading	22	11	8	3	35	24	30
Bristol C.	22	11	5	6	39	27	27
Brighton	21	11	4	6	49	39	26
Northants	21	10	4	7	40	39	24
Millwall	21	9	5	7	39	24	23
Southend	21	11	1	9	45	35	23
Swindon	22	9	5	8	31	33	23
Watford	21	9	5	7	36	27	23
Gillingham	21	9	4	8	31	26	22
Merthyr	21	7	7	7	35	34	21
Norwich	22	8	5	9	29	35	21
Newport	21	7	6	8	26	36	20
Bristol R.	22	8	3	11	36	31	19
Charlton	20	5	1	14	19	22	11
Bournemouth	21	6	5	10	27	48	18
Exeter	22	7	4	11	27	45	18
Wotton	22	7	4	11	24	46	18
Aldershot	21	6	5	10	27	45	18
Crystal P.	21	7	2	12	38	44	15
Brentford	21	7	2	13	30	48	15
O. F. Y. B.	21	4	6	11	21	38	14

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People and Events in the News of the World

A GLIMPSE INTO THE LONG AGO.



Here is the late Queen Alexandra in bridal costume with the late King Edward.



Lieut.-Col. Walter Guinness

Lieut.-Col. Walter Guinness succeeded Mr. F. L. Wood as Minister of Agriculture following Mr. Wood's appointment as Viceroy of India.

EGG MILLIONS OF YEARS OLD.



Roy Chapman Andrews has brought back from Mongolia forty dinosaur eggs, some of them ten million years old. Here he is examining one of his finds. He also found skulls and skeletons of the dinosaurs.

IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY.



EDWIN GOULD



MRS. MINA VAN WINKLE



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Edwin Gould, by the findings of a referee, has been held liable with the other trustees for the loss of \$50,000,000 by the estate of the late Jay Gould. Mrs. Mina Van Winkle, head of the International Association of Policewomen, blames parents for the prevalent delinquency of children. Lieut. D. Duke, of the air service, flew 170 miles in eighty minutes to testify at Washington for Col. Mitchell. The Radio Conference has delegated to Secretary Hoover unprecedented regulation over a business which has an annual turnover of millions of dollars.

STUNT MAN THRILLS THROG.



Even if Al Johnson did ride this bike 3,000 feet in the air, "safety first" was his motto. For he wore a parachute as a precaution in the event of separating himself from the speeding plane.

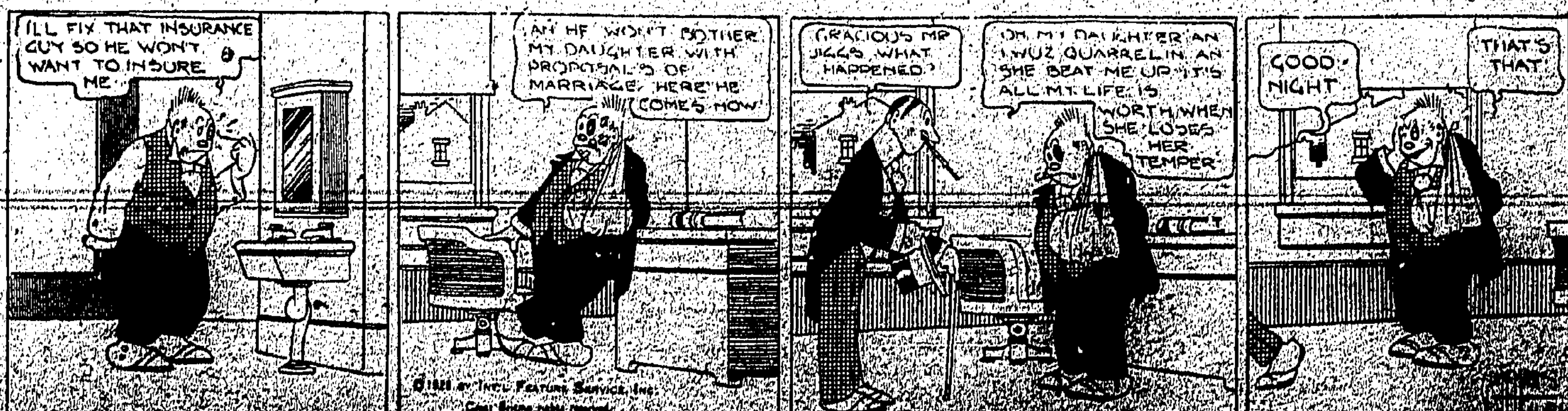
WAR LORD.



WU KUANG-HSIN

Wu Kuang-hsin, Chinese Minister of War, received a royal welcome when he reached Tokyo to witness the Japanese military manoeuvres.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

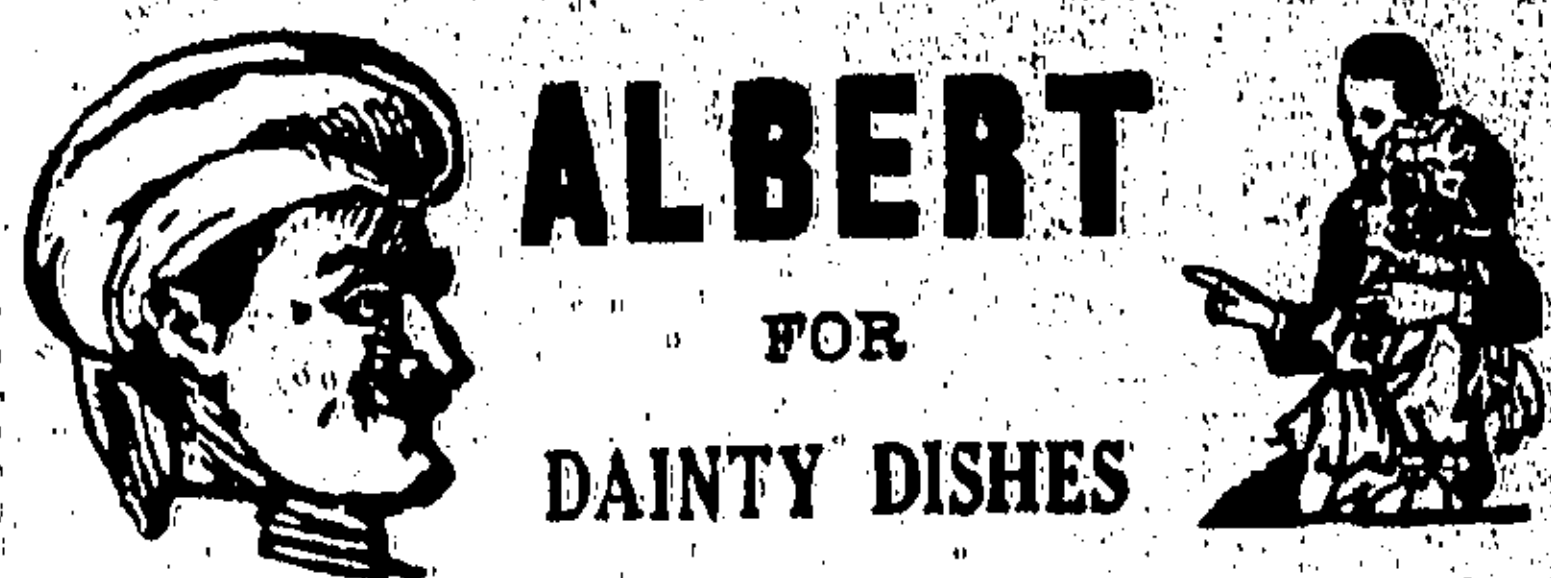


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ODDS AND ENDS

Great Possessions.

One of the wealthiest women in England, Lady Louis Mountbatten, has just had an addition to her possessions in the shape of the magnificent Park Lane house whose tenancy she has enjoyed for a long time (says a writer in the "Weekly Dispatch"). It belonged to her aunt, Mrs. Cassel, and at her recent death passed to Lady Louis for her life. Not only is the house very fine in itself, but it is filled with innumerable art treasures collected by her grandfather, the late Sir Ernest Cassel. Lady Louis has one small daughter, Patricia, who is growing out of babyhood into the toddling stage, and is a very pretty child.

Air Force Could Spray Wheat.

"Group Captain J. S. Scott, Director of the Air Branch, has just returned to Ottawa from a tour of the Western Provinces, where he has been inspecting the work of his branch in land and water patrol, and he is convinced, says the Ottawa correspondent of the "Toronto Globe," that air aid to the grain grower could be made practicable, and at a reasonable cost. If millions of dollars are lost annually through the ravages of rust, he argues, a million dollars, or even less, spent to enable the Air Force to do spraying would mean a big saving to the farmers. On most of the trips I took in Manitoba," said Capt. Scott recently, "we exposed slices at various altitudes to determine the extent of the rust. There should be no reason why the Air Force could not be used for spraying the wheat, just as aircraft are used in the Southern States to save cotton crops. Tremendous areas could be covered, and the cost would be slight compared with the value of the preventive work done."—"The Canadian Gazette."

Moses—His Mark?

Professor Grimme, of Münster University, who believes that he has succeeded in reading the inscription on the Mount Sinai tablet into a sentence written by Moses, told his audience in Berlin that when he made the discovery his heart nearly stopped beating from excitement. He writes the "Manchester Guardian" London correspondent. An eminent scholar at the British Museum who was consulted about the discovery was quite calm. He stated in effect that he didn't believe it. At any rate, no other scholar than Dr. Grimme has managed to decipher the inscription. This authority showed the inquirer a book in which Dr. Grimme first put forward his theory, so that it does not appear to be new. Still more decisive

is the opinion of the leading authority on the point, Professor Flinders Petrie, who discovered the inscribed tablets in 1905 on the slopes of Mount Sinai. Professor Petrie thinks that Professor Grimme's reading is "quite unsafe" and without proof as yet. The inscription is a jumble of signs containing Egyptian hieroglyphics as well as "signs in common use in the Mediterranean," and the signs the German reads as the name of the queen are, he says, "accidental marks." To the untutored eye the inscription looks like a mixture of picture writing and unmeaning wavy lines. If Professor Grimme is right he has established the historical reality of Moses and the truth of the famous Bible story. According to him the inscription reads: "I, Manasseh, captain over the stone-workers and chief of the temple, thank Hatshepsut-su, daughter of Pharaoh, for having pulled me out of the Nile and had me to high honour." One can only record the emphatic scepticism of the high authority of the British Museum, who, by the way, knows nothing of the reported willingness of the British Government to help in an expedition to Mount Sinai to tackle the problem afresh.

Concerning Women.

"Woman, lovely Woman," as Mr. Turveydrop would say, "what a sex you are!" It has always been the pastime of moralists both male and female (since Mrs. Malaprop and her orthodoxy must not be forgotten) to express their opinions on the duties and capacities of the feminine sex; and it is hardly to be wondered at that Miss Rose Macaulay has at last entered a protest against these flattering debates, says the "Sunday Times." Miss Macaulay contemptuously waiving the attentions of Mr. Austin Harrison might be compared with Elizabeth Bennett rejecting the addresses of Mr. Collins. "Do not consider me now," she says, "as an elegant female, intending to plague you, but as a rational creature, speaking the truth from her heart." Indeed, women, though they doubtless feel themselves honoured in being thus singled out, are unlikely to be moved by discussion; and in the majority of cases they are equally indifferent to blame and to praise. Mr. Ludovic may prophesy a massacre of males without altering the course of a single life; and what sensible woman would require to be vindicated? It might, however, be hinted that Miss Macaulay has herself tripped in protesting; for where injury is done, to what end commotion?

Mr. Lenglen's Father.

I am sorry to hear that Suzanne Lenglen's father is unwell, and that he has been ordered a rest by his doctors. He is a man of considerable ability and charm, with a very deep affection for his daughter (says a writer in the London "Evening News"). Mr. Lenglen, who is now in Austria, is to visit the South of France before coming to England, where she is expected at the Eastern Counties Tournament at the Covered Courts at Cromer. The Duke of York will be in the neighbourhood of Norwich during the tournament and is to look in and see some of the games. These courts are the only covered ones in England outside London. There are, however, some in Wales and Scotland.

Another Northern Trip.

Although the Duke and Duchess of York are expected to come South where they both have a number of duties to perform in the near future, the Duchess will not be long away from her native country (observes a "Daily Chronicle" writer). She has arranged to go North again this autumn to open the bazaar that is being staged in Edinburgh on behalf of the fund being raised to endow the birthplace of Robert Louis Stevenson. The Duchess also intends to make several visits to Glamis Castle, the home of her parents, the Earl and Countess of Strathmore, and her husband will accompany her as often as possible on these expeditions. The Duchess, who is very fond of Scotland, confesses that it would be a strain if she had to remain for too long a time away from it.

Red Sea and Blue Nile.

Many people to whom the East is always a source of romance will probably have learnt a good deal of the strange and fascinating land that lies between the Red Sea and the Blue Nile from the lectures Rosita Forbes gave about her last journey (says an "Evening Standard" writer). Now her book on the same momentous journey has just been published by Cassell and tells still more about this mysterious Ethiopia. Mrs. Rosita Forbes is one of those lucky people who can write in practically any place or under any conditions. Most of "From Red Sea to Blue Nile" was actually written when she was on her journey. However tired she was after a day's hard riding along unmade roads she would sit down in the evening and write page after page of her diary, which was the foundation for this book.

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